



Final
Heritage Barrie Committee

Tuesday, March 28, 2023

6:30 PM

Sir Robert Barrie Room

HERITAGE BARRIE COMMITTEE REPORT

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Councillor, C. Riepma at 6:32 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 10 - Councillor C. Riepma
Councillor A.M. Kungl
Vice Chair C. Froese
C. Colebatch
D. Exel
C. Kosokowsky
K. MacKinnon
S. Mackinnon
S. Marchant
P. Stevenson

STAFF:

Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Supervisor of Growth Management, T. Wierzba
Planner, A. Bradford.

The Heritage Barrie Committee met and reports as follows:

PRESENTATION CONCERNING THE ALLANDALE TRANSIT MOBILITY HUB

Natalie Calder, Senior Project Manager (Capital Facilities), Walton Chan, Lead Architect from Diamond Schmitt Architects, and Dima Cook, Heritage Architect, EVOQ Architecture provided a presentation concerning the Allandale and Downtown Transit Mobility Hub Project ("Project").

Ms. Calder, Mr. Chan and Ms. Cook discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- An overview of the Project including an aerial photo of the location, and a conceptual drawing;
- The Heritage Impact Assessment (HIA), including:
 - The designation under the *Ontario Heritage Act*,
 - Site context and history; and
 - The general standards for preservation, rehabilitation, and restoration.
- The design goals and renderings for the conceptual design of the Project, including:
 - Site design;
 - Historic context;
 - Site access;
 - Building precedents;
 - Roof shape; and
 - Building form.
 - The material inspirations for the exterior facades and roof materials; and
- The development site impacts.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to the presenters and received responses.

HERITAGE BARRIE AWARDS

The Committee discussed the preparations for the 2023 Barrie Heritage Awards, which included the recipients and family members attending in person, holding a reception before the Awards ceremony, and having the Ward Councillors presenting to the recipients in their Ward.

COMMITTEE'S BUDGET AND WORK PLAN

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, reviewed and gave an update on the following items listed on the Committee's 2023 Work Plan:

- The Heritage Register;
- The Plaque Program;
- The Heritage Awards;
- The downtown signage;
- A feasibility study to evaluate the establishment of conservation districts;
- Update the historic neighbourhood guides;
- Open Air Dunlop;
- Exploring a heritage home tax relief program;
- Designating more listed buildings;
- Tree planting - Military Heritage Park;
- Historic wraps on utility boxes;
- Celebrate Barrie and Culture Days; and
- Ontario Lieutenant Governor's Heritage Awards.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions to Mr. Wierzba and provided ideas and suggestions to the above noted items.

DEVELOPMENT APPLICATIONS UNDER REVIEW

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, advised that no new development applications have been received that require feedback from the Committee.

MUNICIPAL HERITAGE REGISTER

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management, reviewed the Municipal Heritage Register and the impacts of Bill 023, the More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022 legislation.

The Committee discussed the properties currently listed in the Municipal Heritage Register. They discussed communicating with the listed properties to advise of the legislation changes from Bill 023 and options for designating their properties as heritage.

TAX RELIEF PROGRAM FOR DESIGNATED HERITAGE PROPERTIES

Tomasz Wierzba, Supervisor of Growth Management provided an update concerning the potential tax relief program for designated heritage properties.

He advised that staff in the Development Services and Finance Departments have been working together concerning the tax relief program for designated heritage properties and will report back to the Committee once more information is available.

The Committee gave Mr. Wierzba feedback concerning the potential tax relief program for designated and heritage properties.

SIMCOE COUNTY BRANCH OF THE ONTARIO GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY INVITATION

Shelley Marchant advised that she received an email from the Simcoe County Branch of the Ontario Genealogical Society regarding its 40th Anniversary celebration on May 6, 2023. She commented that the Society invited several community groups involved in heritage preservation to attend the open house, including the Heritage Barrie Committee.

The Committee agreed to email Ms. Marchant if they plan to attend the open house.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:51 p.m.

CHAIRMAN